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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, EAGR, DR
SUBJECT: SUGAR

REF STATE 37371 (NOTAL)

1. DURING MEETING WITH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS MILO JIMENEZ, ACCOMPANIED BY E/C COUNSELOR, I CALLED ATTENTION TO EFFECT ON DR ECONOMY THAT MIGHT RESULT FROM DR NON-MIMBERSHIP IN ISA. SECRETARY JIMENEZ REPLIED THAT GODR INSTRUCTIONS TO ITS UN REP HAD NOT BEEN EXECUTED PROPERLY. (HE NOTED THAT UNREP WAS ABSENT AND DEP REP HAD COMMITTED ERROR.) UN REP INSTRUCTIONS WERE, ACCORDING JIMEEZ, TO INDICATED GODR INTENT TO RATIFY AND PARTICIPATE IN ISA, AS WELL AS TO SIGN ISA. THUS, JIMINEZ WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN RECENTLY FROM DOMINICAN AMBASSADOR IN LONDON THAT DR ONLY HAD OBSERVER STATUS AT RECENT SUGAR COUNCIL MEETING. HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD REVIEW MATTER URGENTLY, RE-INSTRUCT UN REP TO INDICATE CLEAR INTENT OF DR TO PARTICIPATE IN ISA, AND INFORM US WHEN HE HAD DONE SO. HE ALSO ANTICIPATED THAT AS FIRST PIECE OF BUSINESS, DOMINICAN CONGRESS WHICH RECONVENES FEB 27, WOULD RATIFY ISA. IN INTEND TO TOUCH ON THIS SUBJECT DURING MY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER FEB 16.

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2. WE ARE PUZZLED BY ISO-COMPUTED LIMIT OF 517 THOUSAND TONS FOR NON-MEMBERS PER REFTL. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT ALL NON-MEMBERS WOULD COMPETE FOR SHARE OF TOTAL NON-MEMBER BASKET, COMPUTED BY TAKING AVERAGE 1973-76 IMPORTS FROM EACH NON-MEMBER COUNTRY (DROPPING LOWEST YEAR IN EACH CASE), ADDING UP THE AVERAGE LEVELS, AND PERMITTING 55 PERCENT OF THIS TOTAL TO BE

IMPORTED IN MEMBER STATES. ON THIS BASIS, DR ALONE WOULD
CONTRIBUTE ROUGHLY 550,000 TONS TO NON-MEMBER QUOTA. WOULD
APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION.
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